



REHABILITATION

# Extensor Indicis to Extensor Pollicis Longus Transfer

Weeks 6-12

*It is now 6 weeks since  
your operation.*

Your tendon transfer has now healed enough to cope with normal daily activities but your thumb and hand will feel weak.

During this last six weeks of your rehabilitation you will continue to work on regaining a full range of motion, if you have not achieved this yet. You will also start on gradually strengthening your hand and tendon.

Most people can return to unlimited activities at the end of this six weeks.

Remember, be patient, the effort you put into your rehabilitation is significantly related to the end result obtained from your repaired tendon.

During this stage individual variations in progress may become more apparent and your hand therapist will tailor your exercise regime to your specific requirements.

*It is vital therefore that  
you pay close attention  
to the information given  
to you by the therapist  
regarding:*

- **Splints** (you might not need any now)
- **Exercises**
- **Stretches**
- **Strengthening work**
- **Re-introduction of specific activities, including work and driving.**

- **DO NOT DO ANY CONTACT SPORTS UNTIL WEEK 12 POST SURGERY.**

i.e. no football, rugby etc.

- **DO NOT DO ANY HEAVY LIFTING UNTIL Week 12 POST SURGERY** i.e. no weight training, no lifting a full suitcase, no heavy or repetitive lifting at all.